

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for considering the pending application. The Office Action dated June 9, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-16 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating claim 9 as containing allowable subject matter. Furthermore, it appears that the Examiner has selected a species that only reads on claims 1-8. As such, this response addresses only claim 1-8 as the Office Action takes the position that the remaining claims are drawn to a different species and thus not anticipated or rendered obvious by the cited art.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by JP Publication No. 2003-045662 to Matsuura et al. (hereinafter "Matsuura"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

In order to anticipate a claimed invention, the prior art must disclose all the elements of the claim. Matsuura fails to disclose all the elements of claims 1-8 and thus cannot anticipate these claims.

Amended claims 1 and 8 exclude triazyl as a possible species for the groups of R₂ and R₃ (in claim 1) and R₅ and R₆ (in claim 8). Matsuura fails to disclose a compound as claimed. Accordingly, Matsuura cannot anticipate claims 1 and 8. Claims 2-7 variously depend on claim 1 and thus are not anticipated by Matsuura for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

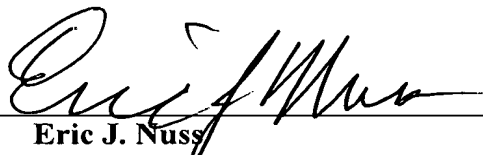
The application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to

discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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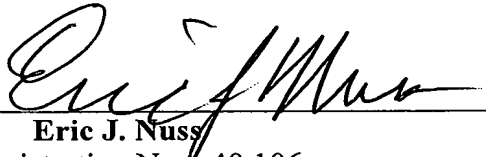
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